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Club Activity!

W9RHH

CLUB CALL

OCT-1993

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### THE NEXT MRAC MEETING

Date: Thursday - October 28, 1993

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Wauwatosa Savings and Loan at 75th and State in Wauwatosa

Program: Another ARRL Video title is to be announced.

October Meeting: Thursday - Nov. 23, 1993

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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The ARRL tape was well received by everyone at the last meeting. I had to make ten copies for others to view. We passed along the many comments to the ARRL when we mailed it back.

The Club will have a table at the Yaesu Day on Saturday, October 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I could use some help to man it. Please contact me if you are interested.

Please make note that our November meeting is on Tuesday, November 23rd as the Thanksgiving holiday falls on our normal meeting night. Please also note that our Christmas party is on December 10th. It's hard to believe that the holidays are almost upon us!

The Friday night net had a few new check-ins. How about joining in on the fun? You can also join in on the fun by coming to our Saturday morning breakfast group at Maxims at the corner of 91st and Appleton Ave. at 8:30 a.m.

We definitely plan to run our school again next year. If you have been thinking about upgrading, this is your opportunity.

That's all for now. I hope to see you at the October 28th meeting.

73's

*Ed Wille*

Ed  
W9PWG



## MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

DAY	TIME	MHZ	ACTIVITY
DAILY	6-8 AM	14.290	Wisconsin/Florida Net
MON-FRI	8:30 AM	3.965	After Breakfast Club
MON	8:00 PM	146.445	Emergency Net
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	8:00 PM	7.035	A.F.A.R. Net (CW)
TUE	9:00 PM	146.130	MAARS Roundtable
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	9:00 PM	28.400	W9RH on the air MRAC Club Station Net
SAT	9:00 PM	146.910	Saturday Nite Fun Net
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8 The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact: Pancho KA9QFA 344-4694

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Our Club will have a table at Yeasu Days at Amateur Electronics Supply at 57th and Good Hope on Saturday- OCT 23. We could use some help at the table to tell a little about our Club.

Ted Stiller has started a repeater fund by Auctioning off several items down at our last general meeting. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this fund should see Orv Stewart - WA9ONQ, our treasurer.

Our club now has three new committees:

1. Ways and Means committee which will explore various means of generating revenue for the club. This committee is presently comprised of Paul Boese - KB9FBM and Roger Zaun - W9UVV.

2. Bylaws committee who will attempt to update and revise our Bylaws is comprised of Travis Baird - W9VQD, Orv Stewart - WA9ONQ, and Ted Stiller - WA9RDI. Our Bylaws haven't been revised in ages.

3. Swapfest Committee which will explore the possibilities and feasibility of our club sponsoring a swapfest and is presently comprised of Ed Wille - W9PWG, Ted Stiller - WA9RDI, and Kate Kedney - KA9MWT.

I'm sure that any assistance to these committees would be appreciated.

Our Club will have a couple of tables at the '91 FriendlyFest SAT- NOV 6, 1993 at St John The Evangelist Church. If you have Ham type items for sale bring them down and we'll even let you help man the tables for a short time.

73's

*Pancho*

Pancho - KA9QFA



## FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

### Wednesday Exams

All Grades MRAC VEC \*

Third Wed. of each month at 6:30 pm

Village at Manor Park (was Methodist Manor)

3023 S. 84th St.

Milwaukee, WI

Walk-ins are welcome, but preregistration is requested if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

c/o Jack Krause-W9JK

1737 N. 116th St.  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

c/o Les Peterson - W9TCV

9741 W. Howard  
Greenfield, WI 53228

For more information call:

466-HAMS

### Saturday Exams \*

Last Saturday of Each Month

at 8:30 am

at Wauwatosa S&L

7500 W. State St. Wauwatosa

### SWAT TEAM Exams \*

2nd SAT of each month

at 1:00pm

Next testing April 10, 1993.

Wauwatosa S&L

6560 S. 27th ST.

Oak Creek, WI

Enter the north end of the building,  
downstairs and follow the signs.

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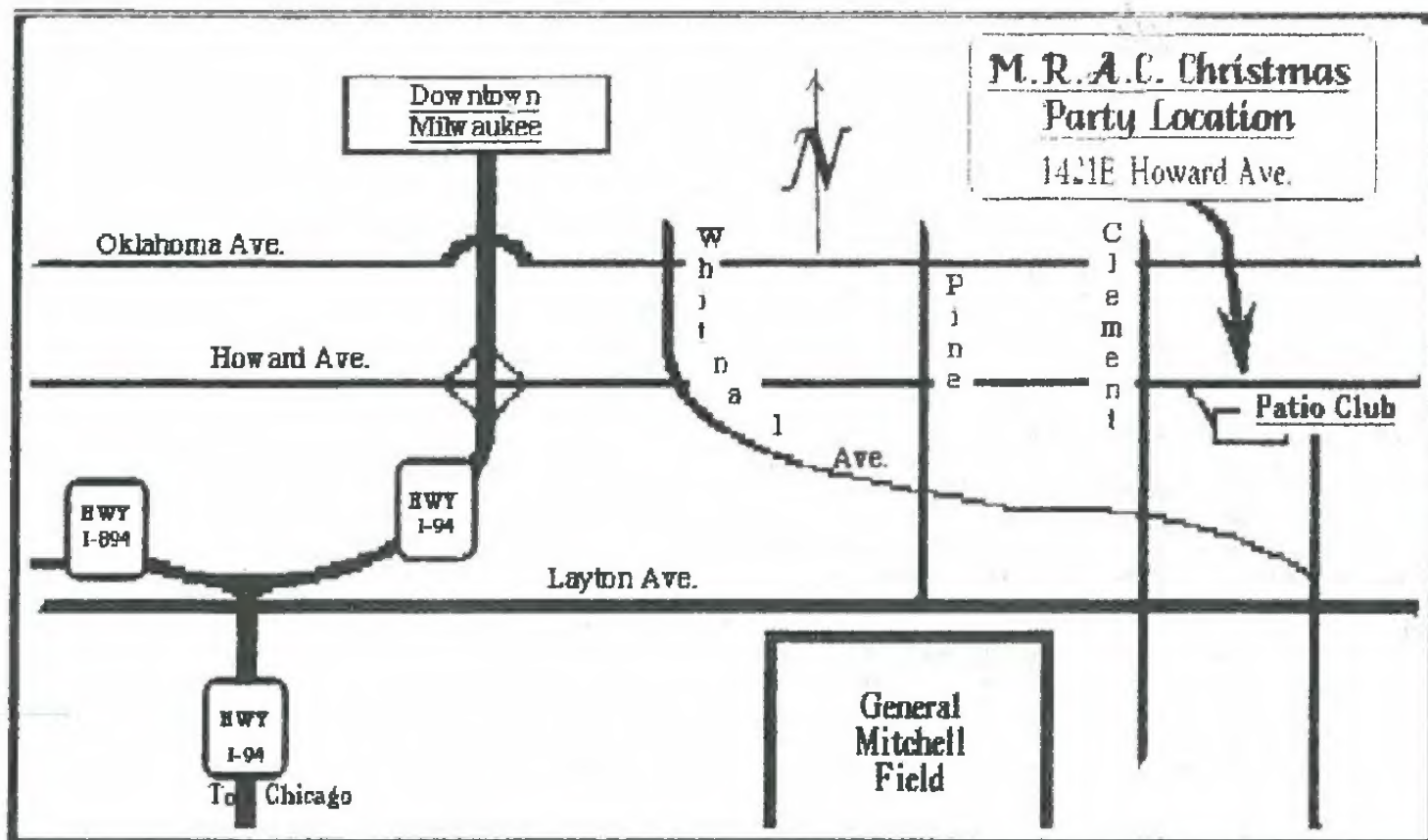
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For more info call:

KB9QL - Norman McNew (414) 764-5998  
or AA9DO - Joe Mettry (414) 761-9219.

\* Bring your license (if any) and 2 copies also the same for CSCE's you may have. Originals will be returned to you.  
**\$5.00 charge for exams for ALL classes of license.**





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 (-) CHRISTMAS PARTY (-)  
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Date: Friday - DEC 10, 1993  
 Place: Patio Club  
 Location: 1421 E. Howard Ave.  
 Food: Buffet style (choice of Roast Beef, Baked Chicken, or BBQ Ribs), assorted relishes and salads, tossed salad, dinner rolls and deserts.  
 Beverages: Beer, soda, and a cash bar.  
 Entertainment: TBA  
 Cost: \$15 per place  
 Chairman: Vern Teske - W9RYA

**We still need ideas for entertainment!**  
**Please, call Vern Teske - W9RYA.**

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**This year NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT  
 PRIOR RESERVATIONS !!!**

**Look for Reservation Form  
 on pg.5 of this Hamateur Chatter**

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**SPECIAL THANKS**

Special Thanks to a man who has done much for our HAM classes for more than ten years. Of course we are talking of none other than **Dave DeFebo - WB9BWP**. We have not kept very good records on the number of new and upgraded licenses, but I'm sure all who know about his dedication to the education and training of new and upgraded Hams that he has been responsible for a good many of them.

How about a big hand for a man who doesn't wait for things to happen, but makes 'em happen!!!

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**The man who rows the boat  
 usually doesn't have time  
 to rock it.**

# MAIL, etc.

August 20 1993  
5606 Edgewater Dr.  
Cedarburg, WI 53012

Dear Pancho:

I think that you do a great job with the little you have to do with on the Hamateur Chatter. I have been in that position before, and I know how hard it is... I think that the average member comes only to listen not to contribute!

I also agree with your assessment of the 2 types of members (financially) my past experience has shown that the club which invests its money wisely, does much better than that which hoards every last penny!

As one of the "old timers" who feels he has all of the answers, I have long since realized that I don't! One of the major factors in this is the fact that I have 3 daughters and 1 son! They have taught me a great deal...

I think that the salvation of this club, along with the entire country, lies in its youth. Sometimes I wonder about the behavior of some of the "youngsters", but this is probably a failure on the part of the parents.

When I took over as President of our Historical Society, I found much of the same situation, and it has taken quite a while to turn the thinking around. We are reducing our deficit, improving our service to the community, and increasing our membership!

I feel for Mr. Clinton, except that I pause to reflect that he asked for the job, and I hope that he can swing it, because if he doesn't, we are headed down the tubes!

Please keep up the good work, Pancho, and I will continue to contribute as best I can...in the meantime, the word processor is working great, as you can see.

Cordially,

Fred Linn - W9N2F

## THE FAMOUS MORSE CODE

by Fred Linn - W9N2F

Telegraph as we know it, was invented by Samuel F.B. Morse-patented 1854, and as he had conceived in 1832, and put on public exhibition in 1837.

The first message was credited to Thomas Edison. He gave Miss Annie Ellsworth the courtesy of composing the first message. He sent it over the B & O wires from Wash., D.C., to Baltimore .... her message was - "What hath God Wrought".

Telegraph operators used all sorts of signs and abbreviations.... much like "speed-reading". Mr. Phillips invented the Phillips Code in 1900, and in these days, telegraphy was getting to be a very popular means of communications, that the operators could not keep up with the traffic. (I have enclosed a partial list of Phillips Code abbreviations).

This means of communications proved to be very valuable to Western Union. It was used on commercial telegraph and newspapers, but never entirely by the railroads.

Mr. Edison considered himself the inventor of the telegraph. This was not true, although he invented and patented many improvements on the original, as telegraphy was his main hobby.

The telegraph was one of the best means of communications ever used. It was reliable, fast, and accurate, and if the wire stayed up, there was no substitute. I was sorry to see it go....we used it in WW II, the TG-5, and all the rest... I had 3 of these on my desk in the radio shack on comeovers, and again in France. I used the telegraph for corrections on the teletype, so as not to tie up the RTTY lines! 3 TG-5's, and 3 Bugs on the desk...12 hrs/day!

## MRAC DUES INCREASED TO \$ 15 per year. HERE'S WHY !

Due to increased MRAC operating costs, our yearly dues must be raised to \$15.

The last dues increase was way back in 1978. In 1978 postage went from 8 cents to 15 cents.

An 88% increase. Printing costs have risen dramatically also. Today it costs \$ 1260 per year to publish and mail "HAMCHATTER". Dues received last year totaled \$ 1285. LEAVING JUST \$ 25 TO COVER ALL OTHER EXPENSES. You can plainly see WE WERE OPERATING AT A DEFICIT. At the clubs last Board meeting it was decided to increase dues to \$15 per year.

NOTE: The club yearly dues are from January 1 thru December 31. TO IMPROVE OUR CASH FLOW ... YOU ARE INVITED TO PAY YOUR 1994 DUES N-O-W.

If dues are not paid by Jan. 31, 1994 YOU WILL BE DROPPED from the MRAC MAILING LIST. We don't think you want this to happen. SO .... SEND IN YOUR DUES T-O-D-A-Y and AVOID THE RUSH !

## MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEUR'S CLUB, INC.

1994 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION New ☐ Renewal ☐

Your CALL \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS Licence \_\_\_\_\_ Lic.EXPIRES: Date \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE of MEMBERSHIP Regular \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(CHECK ONE)

Life \*\* MINIMUM \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* IF LIFE MEMBER WANTS HAMCHATTER .....

.....But - \$15 WOULD BE APPRECIATED

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO MRAC or MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB

MAIL TO: MRAC - PO BOX 25707 - MILWAUKEE, WI 53225 Attention TREASURER

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FOR MRAC OFFICE USE

Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ AMT \_\_\_\_\_

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1994 Dues

are due by Jan.31/94

SO DUE IT TODAY !





## Club Meetings

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**West Allis Radio Amateur Club**  
 Meets the second Tuesday of each month  
 at 8:00 p.m.  
 At St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
 7929 W. Lincoln Ave.  
 West Allis, WI

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**Miller Valley Radio Amateur Club**  
 Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.  
 at 703 N. 39th St.,  
 just north of and almost under  
 the former Wis. Ave. viaduct.  
 For info contact: Art - WA9AWJ  
 (found daily on the 145.13 repeater).

## Packet Users Group

Third Saturday of each month  
 8:00pm-11:00pm  
**Security Bank**  
 7800 W. Layton  
 Milwaukee, WI

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## CLUB ACTIVITIES

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## W9RH- TEN METER NET

Come on up and join us on W9RH  
 Ten Meter Net on Friday evenings at  
 9:00 PM at approximately 28.4 MHz.  
 We'd like to meet you there.

Y'all come! to the  
**MRAC HAM BREAKFAST**  
 every Saturday morning  
 at 8:30 o'clock.  
**Maxim's Restaurant**  
 9143 W. Appleton Ave.  
 (corner of 91st St.  
 and Appleton Ave.  
 near Timmerman Field)

Prices are reasonable, the food - good,  
 and the company - excellent.

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**Friday Evening CQ Food**  
 First Friday of the month Fish Fry  
 Serb Hall at 51st and Oklahoma  
 Call: Warren - K9IZV  
 on th 146.91 - offset -  
 for reservations by Noon on that FR.

Other Fridays  
 Check in 5:00 pm  
 Decision & finalization at 6:00pm  
 and meet at  
 CQ Food destination at 7:00pm  
 Other CQ Foods on a random basis  
 also called on this repeater  
 "CQ Food" on WA9JOB 146.91 Repeater.

## CQ Third Tuesday

11:00 am  
 Skanda House  
 Hwy 100 & Oklahoma

## NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for  
 the newsletter should be received  
 by the editor no later than the first  
of the month of publication. If re-  
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 its inclusion in that month's edition  
 cannot be guaranteed. Your coop-  
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Please mail submissions to:

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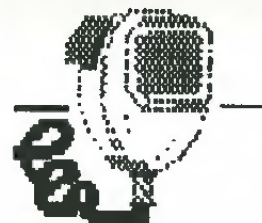
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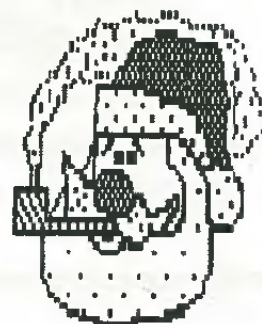
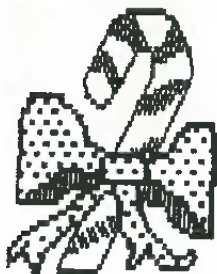


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## MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

To attend, **NOW!!**

The **M.R.A.C. CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 on **Friday December 10, 1993**  
 at **The Patio Club**  
 1421 E. Howard Ave.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE,  
 have your  
 reservations in by  
**DEC 3, 1993 to:**



**Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club**

P.O. Box 25707

Milwaukee, WI 53225

Attention: Orv Stewart - WA9ONQ

Please,  
 make checks  
 payable to:  
**M.R.A.C.**

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Hamateur Chatter 5 OCTOBER - 1993

